

***Why Apply?**

Everyone has their own reasons for wanting to take part in the PDR Program, but here are a few of the top reasons.

- You will ensure that your family can continue farming the same land. Productive agricultural land is a finite and irreplaceable natural resource.
- You will preserve the open space, the agriculture and the nature that exists on your land. PDR Easements are attached to the land which means it will transfer to a new owner if you ever choose to sell your property.
- You will ensure continued goods and/or services are available to the citizens of Fauquier County and beyond. Agriculture contributes to the local economy directly through sales, job creation, supporting services and businesses, and also by supplying lucrative secondary markets such as food processing.
- You will receive a lump sum of cash payment that can be used to complete estate planning, defray debt and save the farm. In other cases, the funds have been used to make significant improvements or additions to the farming operation.
- You may also be eligible to receive a number of tax credits and/or tax deductions once the PDR Easement is recorded. Please seek guidance from your tax advisor regarding these opportunities.